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A version marked up to show changes made to the specification relative to the previous version of the specification is attached.

REMARKS

Page 3 has been amended to replace a typographical error in the patent number with the appropriate patent number. Applicants respectfully request correction of the typographical error. Evidence of this typographical error is shown by the originally cited U.S. Patent Number 5,238,023, which is issued to Kristoffer and is directed to a valve apparatus and not a microporous polyolefin. No new matter is being added.

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested.

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On page 3, the following amendments were made to the paragraph beginning on line 18 and ending on line 28:

The fluid indicating adhesive article of the present invention includes a substrate capable of fluid transport ("fluid transport substrate".) A fluid transport substrate will transport fluid through the substrate. For example, the substrate may comprise a microporous film as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,238,[0]623 to Mrozinski, which is incorporated by reference. In many embodiments, the fluid transport substrate is a fibrous substrate. The fibrous substrate is generally capable of absorbing a fluid. However, the fibrous substrate generally will not saturate in a high humidity environment. In certain embodiments, the substrate is a water absorbent substrate. The water absorbent substrate is generally made of a material that maintains a cohesive form when wet. Suitable substrates include paper, such as cellulose based paper, for example paper towels and copy grade paper.

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